REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Miscellaneous

Claim 21 (liste before claim 4) was erroneously numbered as claim 20. Correction is made herein.

35 USC § 112

In claim 17, the Office objected that there is no support in the specification for "memory cell". Without addressing the correctness of that objection, the applicant has removed the reference to memory cell.

In claim 18, the Office objected that the inverter circuit as disclosed does not have a single source. Without addressing the correctness of that objection, the applicant has removed the reference to single source.

In claim 15, the Office objected that the claim omits the word "insulator" after "gate". That omission is corrected herein.

Claims 1-8, 11-14, 16 17 and 19-21 as double patenting of the non-statutory type. Those rejections are overcome by concurrent filing of a terminal disclaimer over US 6674099.

35 US §§ 102, 103

The Office rejected claims 1-2 and 16-17 as being unpatentable over one or more of Welsch '584 and Welsch '636. The Office considers claims 9 and 10 to be allowable if rewritten in independent format.

Since claim 3 was rejected only on the grounds of double patenting, it also works out that claim 1 would be allowable if the limitations of claim 3 were added to claim 1. (The Office apparently deems the limitations of claim 2 to be insufficient to provide sufficient patentable distinction). In response, the applicant has amended the three independent claims 1, 19, 20 to include the limitations of claim 3, and made appropriate modifications to other claims. All of the claims should now be deemed allowable.

Request For Allowance

Claims 1-2, and 4-21 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims. In the event that the Office refuses to enter the requested amendments, or deems those amendments to be inadquate at this After Final status, the applicant requests that the examiner contact the undersigned by telephone to work out an acceptable solution.

Respectfully submitted,

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